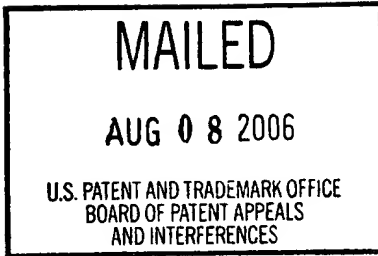


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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on August 1, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The image file wrapper (IFW) of the application contains an entry of a reply brief filed by appellants on July 31, 2006 in response to the examiner's answer mailed May 26, 2006. There is no record in the application file that the reply brief has been considered by the examiner as required by the Manual Of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1208 (8th ed., Rev. 3, August 2005) and 37 CFR § 41.43. Additionally, it is noted that the reply brief has not yet been

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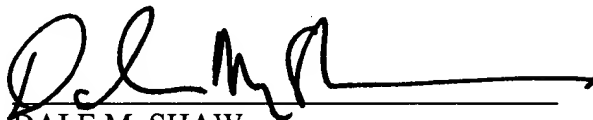
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being returned to the Examiner to:

- a) acknowledge receipt and entry or non-entry of the reply brief,
- b) have the Office receipt of the reply brief entered in PALM, and
- c) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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